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SUBJECT: CJCS Visit, Weekly Summary Msg, Sit Rep

Amb: Understand GEN Wheeler wants to see Thieu and Ky and me between 2-4 Sunday. Discussion of whether he should see both, conclusion: yes.

Ky plans to turn recovery efforts over to Prime Minister shortly; mutual agreement this a mistake. Enemy trying to isolate Saigon, has major concentration on Rt 4, battle not yet over, Ky should wait.

Amb: Want to put anything in my weekly summary?

Gen: Wash pretty well has military situation. Having failed to take over cities from within, enemy now trying to isolate and take from without--Saigon major target, Can Tho secondary. Still heavy fighting in Gia Dinh Prov--enemy taking heavy casualties but sending reinforcements in from Laos and Cambodia.

Think should sound note of alarm on infiltration from Cambodia, enemy using as major supply base. Every night radar picks up trucks moving to Cambodian border. There they transfer to Sampans. Along Cambodian border live ethnic Vietnamese--Cambodian citizens--but Vietnamese peoples. 100% VC or in their employ. Preparing message for you to sign on this, but in meantime you might want to mention these trends in your weekly message.

Sit Rep: Weather very bad in I Corps. II Corps: enemy tried to get into Phan Thiet, thrown out with heavy losses. Enemy threat from Kontum to Dak To. III Corps: Tried to get into Song Be, also thrown out with heavy losses. IV Corps: Enemy seems to be backed up from My Tho. Cuts Rt 4 every night. Forces south of Can Tho hanging in there, although not strong. Not out of steam yet--getting tired, but so is ARVN. Think situation in Delta saved by use of US troops. Now trying to get our troops out into countryside, particularly since ARVN staying around cities.

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